

LA FREE THE VOTE VOTER ENGAGEMENT TASKFORCE FOR JUSTICE- INVOLVED POPULATIONS

(ITEM NO. 13, AGENDA OF JULY 24, 2018)

120-Day Report Back, November 26, 2018

This presentation is a complement to the full written report which includes greater detail.

Background

- February 2018 motion to develop Countywide plan for voter education and registration of eligible justice-involved people
- June 2018 response recommended a variety of efforts to increase voter registration for justice-involved people
- July 2018 motion to create taskforce whose primary focus is to offer voter registration and education to justice-involved populations
 - *Especially those on probation/post-release community supervision*
- September 2018 Taskforce names the County initiative LA Free the Vote

Taskforce Members, Meetings, and Strategy

- **Members:** ODR & RR/CC (co-conveners), Probation, Sherriff, Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, WDACS, A New Way of Life, ARC, ACLU SoCal, LARRP, NALEO
- **Meetings:** 9/11/18, 10/4/18
- **Strategy pre Mid-Terms**
 1. County Capacity and Coordination. Train and support County employees and service providers who work daily with the reentry population to integrate voter registration into their interactions with this population.
 2. Voter Registration Drives. Complement County strategy with three volunteer-led voter registration drives on 9/25, 10/20 and 10/22 (the last day before registration closes)



Accomplishments between July and November 2018

- County Agency Staff members **trained: 407**
- Representatives from **91 County Offices and partner offices** trained in voter registration
- Voters **Registered: 1960**
- Volunteers Engaged: 45
- Materials Created
- Tracking Mechanism



20 Voter Registration Trainings

Date	Training
Aug 8	Public Defender Training
Aug 21	Alternate Public Defender Training
Aug 21	Probation Training — Van Nuys
Aug 23	Probation Training — Rio Hondo Area Office
Aug 28	INVEST (Justice Involved Workforce Support Staff) Training
Aug 29	Probation Training — Centinela Area Office
Aug 30	ODR RICMS Training
Sep 18	Homeless Initiative D2 Jail Inreach Team Training
Sep 25	ODR MIST/FIST Training
Sep 26	ODR RICMS Provider (Brilliant Corners) Training
Sep 26	ODR RICMS Provider (Weingart Center) Training
Sept 27	Probation Directors Training
Oct 3	Probation Training — Santa Monica
Oct 10	Probation Training — Harbor
Oct 10	Probation Training — Centinela
Oct 16	Probation Training — Pomona
Oct 16	Probation Training — East San Fernando Valley
Oct 30	Probation Training — Compton
Nov 1	Adult Day Reporting Center
Nov 1	Probation Training — Firestone

Reentry Population Voter Registrations Completed

	Total Registration forms	APD	ODR Housing	ODR RICMS	Probation	Public Defender	INVEST
Total based on self-reported number of agency registrations and voter registration drives	562						
November 13 Tracking Report (County agency registrations through October 25)	342	27	130	41	131	11	2
Total self-reported through Oct 25	422	50	147	42	159	12	12
Voter Registration Drives (9/25, 10/20, 10/22)	140	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

APD: Alternate Public Defender

RICMS: Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (Providers)

INVEST: Workforce development for adult felony probationers (Providers)

Populations in Jail

Voter Registrations Completed

The **Voting While Incarcerated Program** and ACLU's **Unlock the Vote Campaign** further supported the LA Free the Vote campaign by providing voter registration and voting opportunities to eligible voters in LA County jails.

Total number registered before November election	Voted November 6, 2018, raw and %
1,398	479, 34% of those who registered

Summary of all Justice- Involved Voter Registrations through Taskforce Activities

	Total Registrations	APD	ODR Housing	ODR RICMS	Probation	PD	INVEST
County agency registrations through 10/25 (LA Free the Vote tracking mechanism)	342	27	130	41	131	11	2
Total self-reported by County agencies through 10/25 (LA Free the Vote)	422	50	147	42	159	12	12
LA Free the Vote Voter Registration Drives (9/25, 10/20, 10/22)	140	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Registrations in County jails leading up to November election	1,398	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total based on self-reported number of agency registrations, voter registration drives, and County jail registrations	1,960						

Reentry Voter Registration Total Break- down

Probation offices and ODR Housing service providers trained in voter registration gathered **over 130 voter registration forms each** from justice-involved individuals between August and October of 2018, accounting for over **45% of total voter registration forms** collected in the reentry population.

The three voter registration drives led by volunteers from ARC, NALEO, LARRP and other CBOs on **9/25, 10/20 and 10/22** account for nearly another **25% of total voter registration forms** collected in the reentry population.

9/25

National Voter Registration Day Press Conference and Voter Registration Drive



Left: Judge Peter Espinoza addresses the press conference at the launch of LA Free the Vote

Top: ODR staff pose with Common at National Voter Registration Day

9/25, 9-10am

National Voter Registration Day Press Conference and Voter Registration Drive



Top: ODR, ARC and NALEO volunteers pose after registering voters September 25th.

Right: Completed voter registration forms and flyer from September 25th



Saturday 10/20
9:30am-12pm

15 volunteers
52 individuals
registered
ARC
headquarters



10/20 Volunteers
canvassed:

- Men's Central Visitation Area
- Skid Row
- McArthur Park
- ReFresh Center
- And more!



Monday 9/22,
10am-4pm

Last day
before
registration
deadline

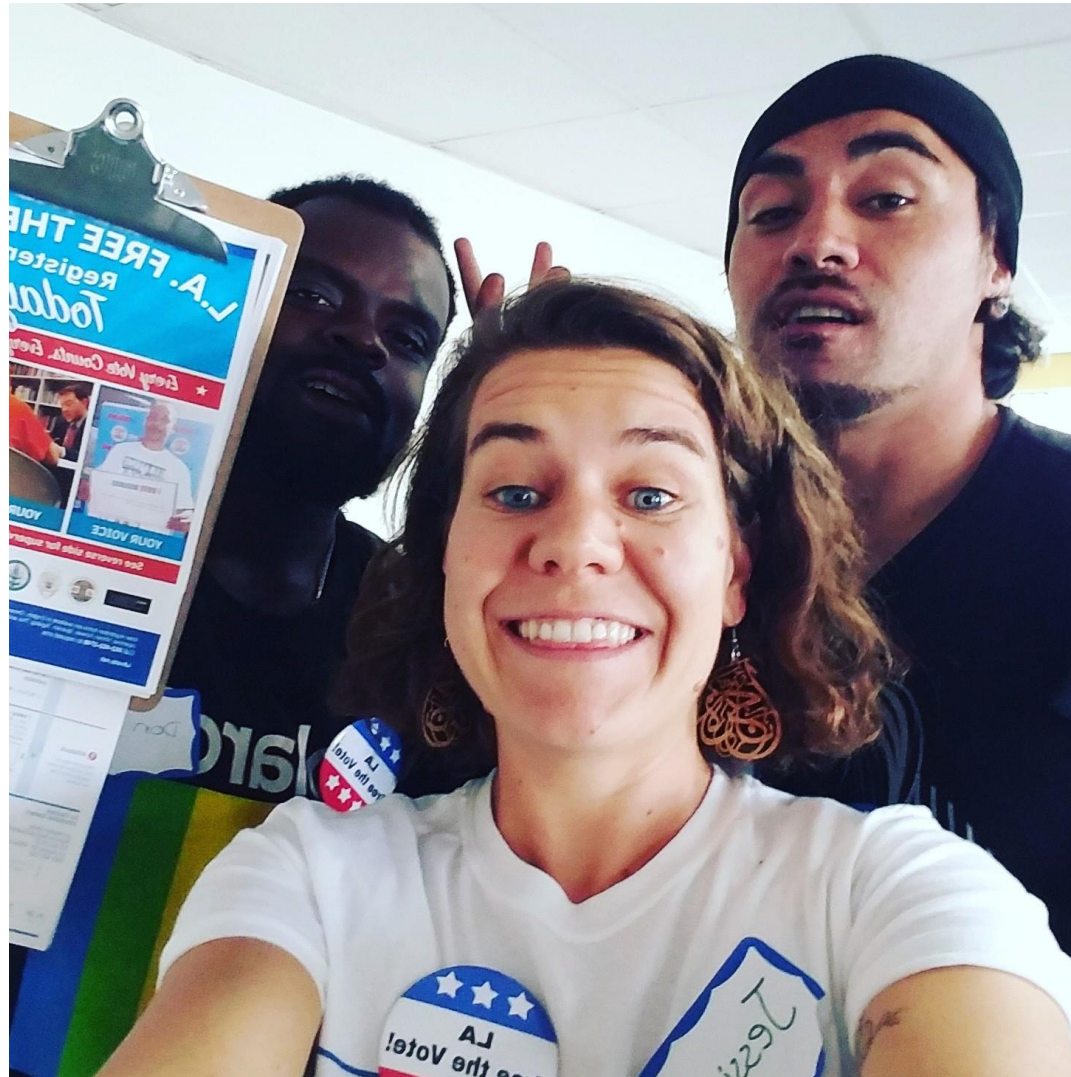


Left: Volunteers from Amity Foundation register individuals in front of a service-delivery area

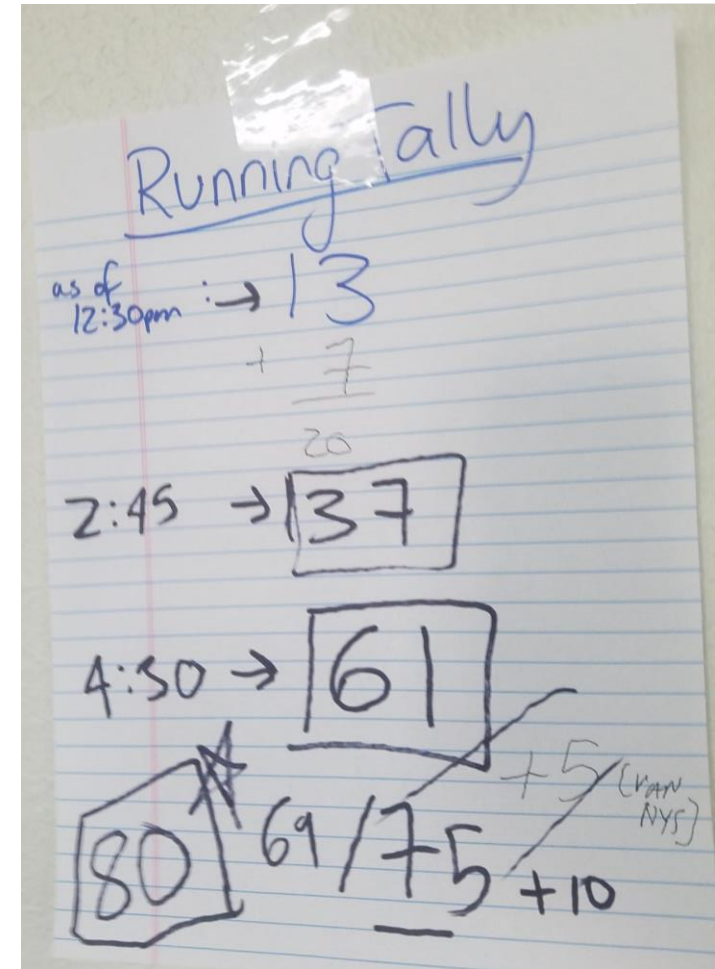
Top: A volunteer counts completed registration forms

Monday 10/22
10am-4pm

35 volunteers
80 individuals
registered
Homeboy
Industries
Headquarters



Left: ARC volunteers and ODR staff return completed registration forms
Right: Running tally sheet of completed registrations on 10/22/18



- Training material
- Toolkit
- Flyers
- Twitter
- Buttons

Buttons

Voter Registration Training Power Point Presentation

<p>Many Californians incarcerated in and released from Los Angeles County Jails are still eligible to vote. The chart below lists voter eligibility status based on supervision status.</p>	
SUPERVISION STATUS	CAN I VOTE?
Currently incarcerated in California state prison	NO
On California State parole	NO
On probation (informal or formal)	YES
Under post-release community supervision (PRCS)	YES
Under mandatory supervision	YES
Currently incarcerated in county jail	<p>IT DEPENDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because jail time is a condition of your probation: YES Because you were sentenced to serve time in jail (not as part of a "split" sentence): YES Because of a felony sentence with a "split sentence" that combines jail and probation time on Mandatory Supervision: YES Because of an "AB 1097" felony conviction with PRCS supervision to follow: YES Because of a parole violation: NO Because you have been convicted and sentenced of a felony and are awaiting to be transferred to federal or state prison: NO
Pending felony charge(s) (you're charged, but not yet convicted)	YES
Serving a sentence in jail or on probation due to a misdemeanor conviction.	YES

Voter Registration Flyer and Toolkit including eligibility criteria information

Twitter account
#LAFreeTheVote

Get Out the Vote informational flyers

Recommendations

***Tier 1. Build
County Capacity and
Coordination
to systematically
register and
encourage justice-
involved voters***

1. **Continue County agency voter registration programs** at APD, ODR, Probation, PD, and WDACS.
2. **Increase support for this effort from the top down.** All Taskforce agencies should work to increase buy-in among staff.
3. Encourage the five agencies with voter registration programs to **offer incentives to staff who register the most clients.**
4. Conduct **many more small trainings with Probation Officers.**
5. Continue to **integrate voter registration into regular interactions** between all DPOs and their clients on probation.
6. **Create a flyer** stating that the County does not share voter registrant information with law enforcement agencies, US Immigration Customs and Enforcement, or any other government entities.
7. **Implement data tracking and monitoring.**
8. **Integrate youth pre-registration** into Taskforce activities.

Recommendations

Tier 2: Communication

Tier 3: Community Organizing

Tier 2. Strengthen and widen Communication to justice-involved populations around voter eligibility.

1. Create an LA Free the Vote website.
2. Implement a full marketing campaign with the assistance of a marketing firm.

Tier 3. Conduct Community Organizing and Canvassing to successfully reach a greater justice-involved population beyond that which interacts with County agencies

1. Expand educational component, such as offering a civics and voter education course for justice-involved populations in jails and in the community.
2. Formally integrate more community organizing efforts into the LA Free the Vote Taskforce.



Thank you!

Please see written report for further detail.